GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:179
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2001
EPLACEMENT OF TRACKS
T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 12,000 km of railway tracks are very old and over aged;

(b) whether the signalling gear at several hundred of stations are also very old and over aged; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to replace the over aged tracks and the signalling gears?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.179 BY SHRI T.M. SELVAGANPATHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2001 REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF TRAKCS.

(a) Yes, Sir. About 12500 km of Railway track on Broad Gauge and about 5000 km on Metre Gauge and Narrow Gauge is over aged and due for renewal as on 01.04.2001.

(b) Yes, Sir. At 2519 stations, Signalling gears are over aged.

(c) Railway is making all efforts to overcome the resource crunch to wipe out arrears of renewals of it assets.